

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN CELEBRATION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF LILLIAN A. GAMBONE

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 19, 2011*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lillian A. Gambone of Norristown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on her installation as President of the Women's Auxiliary to the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania.

A Norristown native, Ms. Gambone joined the Fairmount Engine Company No. 2 Ladies Auxiliary in 1983. She served as Secretary for eleven years and has held the office of Vice-President since 2009. Additionally, Ms. Gambone has served on numerous committees throughout the course of her membership and is especially noted for chairing the home-made cake and pie sale for many years. She is a hard worker and dedicated to all of her commitments, including her roles as mother and grandmother.

Ms. Gambone joined the Women's Auxiliary to the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania on September 28, 1989, served as Secretary for the Women's Auxiliary, and in 2008, was elected Vice-President and rose through the ranks to become President.

Mr. Speaker, in light of her years of service to the community and litany of outstanding accomplishments, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Lillian A. Gambone on the occasion of her installation as President of the Women's Auxiliary to the Firemen's Association of the State of Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO TAFT UNION HIGH SCHOOL

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 19, 2011*

Mr. MCCARTHY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Taft Union High School in my district which celebrated its 100th anniversary yesterday on September 18, 2011.

Taft Union High School is located in the city of Taft and is a comprehensive public high school where students receive the best possible education. The school provides programs for students to develop their communication skills, critical thinking and problem solving capabilities, and technological aptitude. These programs help develop the students into independent thinkers who are active participants in their communities.

I celebrate with the students, parents, teachers, staff, and alumni of Taft Union High School on such an outstanding accomplishment of providing opportunities for teamwork, leadership, competition, and personal and in-

tellectual development over the last century. The many years of dedication to the young people in Kern County will continue to benefit us for years to come.

On behalf of the residents of the 22nd Congressional District, I commend Taft Union High School on the 100th anniversary of its founding. I am very proud of the accomplishments of the school since its founding in 1911 and I know that the parents, teachers, neighbors and fans in our community will join me in congratulating this wonderful achievement and we hope there are 100 years to come.

RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF RIDGE FIRE COMPANY

**HON. JIM GERLACH**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 19, 2011*

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ridge Fire Company on its 75th anniversary of selfless dedication and commitment to its community.

This is a great milestone and a considerable accomplishment and I take great pleasure in being able to honor the men and women of the Ridge Fire Company for their dedication and outstanding service.

For 75 years the officers, firefighters, and fire police of Ridge Fire Company have proudly and capably served and protected the thousands of citizens of northern Chester County, including the Townships of East Coventry, South Coventry, East Vincent, Warwick and West Vincent. They have always answered the call to help their neighbors in distress, whether it is putting out a fire, aiding those whose homes have flooded, or rescuing animals.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in recognizing Ridge Fire Company on its 75th anniversary and to honor this exemplary organization for its commitment, dedication, and outstanding history of service to its community.

A STATEMENT BY RABBI ISRAEL ZOBERMAN

**HON. E. SCOTT RIGELL**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, September 19, 2011*

Mr. RIGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to enter a statement into the RECORD on behalf of my constituent, Dr. Israel Zoberman. Dr. Zoberman is the Founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Chaverim in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is also the president of the Hampton Roads Board of Rabbis and Cantors. Dr. Zoberman asked me to enter the following remarks into the RECORD regarding the 10th Anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Dr. Zoberman's statement follows:

We are duty-bound to respond to the significant and related dedications of the Martin Luther King Jr. Monument in The Mall of our nation's capital, Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, honoring 40 lost souls, and the Stone Memorial and Garden of 184 benches for the perished at the Pentagon involving American Airlines Flight 77, and that of the Memorial and Museum on the hallowed grounds of the World Trade Center with its majority of victims, 2,753, upon the 10th anniversary of the horrific strikes of 9/11. Terrorism, whether from within or without, cannot be tolerated.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. representing the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's will now be lastingly visible in stone along with some of his writings—teachings forever etched in the heart and mind of a repentant and grateful nation. We pledge to remember both the pain and promise of that trying and triumphant era in American History.

The impressive monument is a statement of faith in what the martyred Nobel Peace Laureate means to a shared fractured past and, perhaps even more importantly, to our shared future as well. Dr. King's sacrifice of his very life, which he had envisioned, and all, including American Jews, who heroically participated with him, contributed to the eventual success of the monumental struggle to liberate America from its shackles to a demeaning past of inhumane slavery and of its aftermath of brutal violence and disgraceful discrimination. Dr. King's prophetic spirit of justice—planted, nourished and sustained by Israel's Biblical prophets—is ours as we continue his and our timeless journey to make America faithful to its most noble promise and premise that God's divinity and human dignity go hand in hand.

The uncommon courage and ingenuity under harrowing circumstances of United Airlines Flight 93 passengers, bringing down their hijacked plane, are fittingly honored and memorialized in a lonely Pennsylvania field, turned symbol of American inner strength in face of adversity and a spirit that cannot be vanquished. Converting American Airlines Flight 77 into a weapon against the Pentagon, which is entrusted with our national defense, brought death of innocent civilians and committed professionals all valiant heroes of a grateful nation.

The erection of the uniquely inspiring Memorial and Museum at the 10th anniversary of the ghastly strikes and its haunting images of 9/11 by Islamist extremists committed to disrupting and destroying the pluralistic and embracing American way of life and civilization itself without moral restraints, is a somber occasion for sacred recollection, reflection and resolution. We prayerfully recall the victims who were caught by utter surprise and shock, becoming martyred heroes, their agonizing families whose lives have been cruelly interrupted, the fortunate survivors who escaped the inferno but not the nightmares, the first respondents and recovery workers, some of whom paid with their lives or got severely sick. Etched in my memory of 9/11/2001 will be arriving in my synagogue following an early morning Neptune Festival Interfaith Prayer Breakfast at the Founders Inn in Virginia Beach. A phone call awaited me from the local media concerning the first hit at

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